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Mexico Announced the Final Resolution to the U.S. Rice Antidumping Investigation

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Report Highlights:

On September 11, 2006, the Secretariat of Economy (SE) published the final resolution of its antidumping investigation of U.S. long-grain white rice. SE concluded the investigation without imposing compensatory quotas on U.S. rice imports, thus revoking the duties that had been imposed on U.S. long-grain white rice since June 2002. SE undertook the investigation in accordance with the December 2005 WTO resolution requiring revisions to Mexico's then current duties.

Includes PSD Changes: No
Includes Trade Matrix: No
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Introduction: This report summarizes an announcement from the Secretariat of Economy (SE) published in Mexico's "*Diario Oficial*" (Federal Register) on September 11, 2006.

Disclaimer: This summary is based on a *cursory* review of the subject announcement and therefore should not, under any circumstances, be viewed as a definitive reading of the regulation in question, or of its implications for U.S. agricultural export trade interests. In the event of a discrepancy or discrepancies between this summary and the complete regulation or announcement as published in Spanish, the latter shall prevail.

Title: Final resolution to the U.S. long-grain white rice antidumping investigation reviewing based on the Special Group and from the World Trade Organization's Solution of Differences Appeal Organ's conclusions and recommendations.

Important Dates

1. Publication Date: September 11, 2006

2. Effective Date: September 12, 2006

FAS/Mexico's Executive Summary: On September 11, 2006 the Secretariat of Economy (SE) published the final resolution of Mexico's antidumping investigation on U.S. long-grain white rice. Mexico undertook the investigation after the December 2005 WTO ruling that Mexico had not properly conducted the previous investigation that had led to antidumping duties being imposed. In this final resolution, SE revoked all previous duties, concluding that the imports during the reference period did not constitute price discrimination, and thus did not cause damage to the domestic rice sector.

Previously, on June 5, 2002, SE had published a final finding in the antidumping complaint against exporters of U.S. long-grain white rice. SE's finding assessed compensatory duties against specific U.S. exporters. For the imports of long-grain white rice originating from the U.S., regardless of country shipped from, under HS 1006.30.01 shipments from the companies Farmers Rice Milling Company and Riceland Foods, Inc were assessed duties of 0 (zero) percent while imports from the company The Rice Company were assessed duties of 3.93 percent. Also, a duty of 10.18 percent was assessed to imports originating from all other companies exporting from the U.S. to Mexico.

The U.S. first requested consultations on the antidumping duties within the WTO in July 2003, and requested the formation of a WTO panel in November 2003.

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